

2013 Spring Meeting of the ASCA Board of Directors Bryan, Texas

Thursday, April 4, 2013

President Ford called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM CDT.

Directors in attendance included President Russ Ford, 1st Vice-President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice-President Ronnie Bates, Secretary Ann DeChant, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Director Rick Hardin, Director David Clayton, Director Linda Gray, and Director Jean Miller.

There is a quorum.

Members in attendance, less executive sessions, included Jo Kimes and Sandy McClintock.

Ratification of March Electronic Votes

I move to ratify all March electronic votes.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Clayton

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

13.21 Senior Breeder Conformation Judge – Sue Rossy

*I move to approve Sue Rossy as an ASCA Senior Breeder Conformation Judge. *The move-up will be effective after posting in the Aussie Times. Please see Motion 13.39.*

Motion: Ford

Discussion was held regarding her qualifications. It was determined that all requirements have been satisfied.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

Presentation from the Webmaster – Heidi Mobley

The Webmaster gave a presentation detailing updates to the ASCA website and the use of corporate and member advertisements on the ASCA website.

- a. Increasing Revenue and Web Presence: Online advertising can be done via 3rd party advertising on the ASCA site, or via advertisers in an online advertising section and with a Facebook album. This ad space will be designated for Board approved businesses only.
- b. Additional Online Revenue: This will include an online advertising section for ASCA members to promote their Aussies' wins and accomplishments, share memorial ads, campaign their dogs/bitches, and promote their kennels. There will be a full page ad (900 pixels x 675 pixels) or an ad with text template available

for members. Advertisers can create their own ad within the provided specifications, or they can choose a template and provide an image (520 pixels x 675 pixels) and text to the Webmaster who will create the ad (for an additional \$10).

The rates are as follows:

Lead ad: \$100. This ad will be the first ad on the website and Facebook that the viewers will see. These will be reserved ahead of time.

Preferred positioning ad: \$75. These ads will be placed on pages 2-4. They will be reserved ahead of time, if needed.

Remaining ads: \$50.

- c. Website Design: The updates will be an overhaul of the current website design. The current site is not capable of handling proposed advertising and an update is recommended to display and attract advertisements.
- d. Mobile Design: There has been an enormous surge in people who use mobile devices to access website, and it is projected that by 2014 over 50% of website traffic will be coming from mobile devices. It is important for ASCA to make the website mobile friendly to accommodate this trend.
- e. Forum: This will be hosted on the website as a place for the membership to come together and voice their thoughts and opinions. Only members can post, but anyone can view. The terms of use have been viewed and approved by ASCA Counsel.

13.22 ASCA Website Member Advertisements

I move to approve the addition of member advertisements on the ASCA website. Non-members may purchase ad space at double the rate, which includes a service membership for one-year. Effective immediately, with implementation by June 1, 2013.

Motion: Gann

Second: Bates

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

13.23 ASCA Website Forum

I move to adopt the ASCA Forum as it was presented by the Webmaster. The Webmaster will serve as the Super Moderator.

Motion: McClintock

Second: Hardin

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

13.24 New Design of ASCA Website

I move to approve the new design of the ASCA Website, as submitted by the Webmaster.

Motion: DeChant
Second: Miller

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.25 ASCA Website Corporate Advertisements

I move to approve the addition of Corporate Advertisements to the ASCA Website. Effective immediately.

Motion: McClintock
Second: Clayton

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.26 Increases in Hours for ASCA Webmaster

I move to increase the Webmaster's hours to 25 hours per week ongoing and to temporarily increase to 30-40 hours per week, extendable one month at a time. Effective immediately.

Motion: Gann
Second: Miller

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.27 ASCA Judges List

I move to move the ASCA Judges List to the ASCA Website, with some way to easily find and include information such as Name, Email, City, State, Phone #, Judge # and Type.

Motion: DeChant
Second: Miller

Discussion was held regarding the best way to present the Judge List. The Webmaster cannot put all information on Judges into one document or it will become too extensive. Judges will be automatically added, but may contact the Webmaster to opt out from inclusion.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

Meeting with Office Manager

The Board was introduced to the Business Office Staff.

- a. The Office Manager reported that the Office is fully staffed.
- b. The Office Manager is considering updates to the Office interior, such as new carpet and paint.
- c. The Office Manager reported his Staff Evaluations and salary recommendations.
- d. Typically the Office Manager attends Nationals. The Board would like to see the Assistant Office Manager attend for two chosen days, as well. It was suggested that the two days be the first and second days of Nationals.
- e. Election ballots will include a vote on the color section of the ASCA Breed Standard.

Meeting with Auditor – Kay Dobbins

December 2011 Audit was detailed by the Auditor. ASCA's financials are fairly stated and she did not find anything that would cause concern. She is able to provide reasonable assurance that ASCA's financials are in good condition.

- a. The Business Office needs to attach support for disbursements.
- b. Board needs to review financial reports more frequently to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility.
- c. Discussed adjustments.

13.34 Review of Financial Reports

I move that the Board include a review of financial reports in the agenda of each monthly teleconference call.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Gann

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

Meeting with Banker – Wes Wilson

J.P. Morgan-Chase. He has been working with the Office Manager to find ways to simplify and streamline the club's banking. He assured the Board that ASCA's money is safe.

Meeting with Financial Planner – Jay Meador

Raymond James. The possibility of setting aside \$50,000 for investment was discussed.

13.35 Treasurer's Report

I move to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Bates

Treasurer McClintock reported that ASCA remains in the black. The Board determined to continue doing business with Auditor Kay Dobbins. Discussion was held regarding the use of a review rather than a full audit. It was determined that in the future ASCA will

alternate yearly between a full audit and a review. The Board would like to see the Treasurer's reports encompass the preceding 12 months in order to more accurately infer trends.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.36 Committee Procedures

I move to approve the Committee Procedures as revised through discussion, including all changes approved by the Board in discussion.

Motion: McClintock
Second: Bates

Discussion was held regarding the role and appointment of Liaisons, term limits for committee members, and the general makeup of committees.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.37 Contract with UMB Financial

I move to allow the Corporate Sponsorship Committee to contract the use of the ASCA logo, with proper trademark and license restrictions, with UMB Financial.

Motion: Ford
Second: Bates

Discussion was held regarding the use of the ASCA logo on a credit card available to members. It will be a no-fee card, with no fee for balance transfer. Cardholders are able to choose their own background and the ASCA logo will be added.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

Presentation from Dr. Whitten and Students from Mays School of Business

Dr. Whitten and three students from his Project Management class gave a presentation on the work they have done so far in creating a Request for Proposals for ASCA's new computer system. The RFP will be completed by mid-May. The Rough Order of Magnitude cost is \$150,000 with duration of two-years.

- a. Initiation Phase
- b. Planning Phase
- c. Execution Phase
- d. Monitoring and Control Phase
- e. Closure Phase

Discussion was held regarding the moratorium and process of motion review by the Executive Committee. The Board also discussed the timeline for soliciting and accepting vendor bids. It was determined that vendors would be given 30 days to respond.

Tracking Judge – Sue Rush

It was determined by the Board that her application be sent back for corrections. If the Business Office receives the corrections by May 15th, she will be published in the July/August Aussie Times and voted on at the September Board Meeting.

Tracking Judge – Donna Highstreet

It was determined by the Board that she needs to be published in the July/August Aussie Times and voted on at the September Board Meeting.

13.38 Obedience, Rally, and Conformation Finals Fees

I move to set Obedience, Rally, and Conformation Finals fees at \$75.

Motion: Bates
Second: Miller

It is the intent of the Board to bring all program fees level.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

Meeting Postponement

I move to postpone the meeting until 8:00 AM CDT on Friday, April 5, 2013.

Motion: McClintock
Second: Bates

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

Friday, April 5, 2013

President Ford called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM CDT.

Directors in attendance included President Russ Ford, 1st Vice-President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice-President Ronnie Bates, Secretary Ann DeChant, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Director Rick Hardin, Director David Clayton, Director Linda Gray, and Director Jean Miller.

Members in attendance, less executive sessions, included Jo Kimes and Sandy McClintock.

Also in attendance was Charles Carnese, ASCA Counsel.

13.39 Motion to Rescind Senior Breeder Conformation Judge Approval of Sue Rossy

I move to rescind Motion 13.21 Senior Breeder Conformation Judge – Sue Rossy.

Motion: Ford
Second: McClintock

The Board determined that Ms. Rossy must be published in the Aussie Times for the appropriate amount of time as a Senior Breeder Judge applicant.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.40 Provisional Rally Judge – Linda Ferrullo

I move that Linda Ferrullo be approved as a Provisional ASCA Rally Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.41 Provisional Rally Judge – Charlotte Mielziner

I move that Charlotte Mielziner be approved as a Provisional ASCA Rally Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

96:07 Registry Rule Section 2.1 Artificial Insemination

I move to insert the following into the Registry Rules at the beginning of Section 2.1 Artificial Insemination:

- 1. The collection of semen for the artificial breeding must have been reported to ASCA and the collector/storer must be on record with ASCA as familiar with and complying with ASCA regulations for recordkeeping and identification of dogs.*
- 2. The certifications contained herein must be completed by the owner of the semen, the owner of the female, and the veterinarian/accredited inseminator who performed the artificial breeding.*
- 3. Any ASCA registered male from whom semen is collected and frozen on or after January 1, 1999, for future use in breeding, must be DNA profiled through ASCA's current lab at that time. Litter applications which indicate the use of frozen semen from male who were not DNA profiled prior to death will require:*
 - a. Return of the male's ASCA Registration Certificate indicated a date of death earlier than January 1, 1999; and*

b. A letter from the storer of the semen indicating that the semen was collected and frozen prior to January 1, 1999.

The application form along with the ASCA litter application and registration fee should be mailed, faxed, or scanned and emailed to the ASCA business office.

Rationale: This proposed change brings the rules in line with the AI form. This proposed verbiage appears as the lead on the Artificial Insemination Using Frozen or Chilled Semen forms. Apparently these words dropped from the rules at some time in the past. Making this rule change clarifies the requirements when using frozen/chilled semen. Section 2.2.3 exempts Artificial Insemination using fresh semen from these requirements.

Motion: Gray
Second: DeChant

Discussion was held regarding procedural issues and the registration of collected semen at the Business Office.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

2012 Finals Budget

It was determined that the Board would wait until the final numbers have been presented before voting on the payment.

2013 Finals Costs

The Board discussed the impact that paying for Finals has on ASCA's yearly financials. It was determined that an Executive Committee shall be formed to look into standardizing Finals ribbons and the process involved in creating the Finals Budget. Rick Hardin will chair and solicit at least three additional members.

13.42 Collection of Fees for Finals

I move to keep the \$1 fee for the Business Office, remove the \$.50 Stock Dog fee, and replace with a \$.25 fee per entry for all venues. Money will be used to support all Finals. Effective for shows sanctioned on or after June 1, 2013.

Motion: McClintock
Second: Bates

Discussion was held regarding implementation. Based on 2012 runs ASCA collected approximately \$7200 from Stock Dog fees; with the new fees ASCA would have collected approximately \$32,000. The money collected is to be used only to support all Finals.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.43 Directive to Change Stock Dog Finals Budget Due Date

I move to task the Stock Dog Committee to change the submission of the Stockdog Finals budget due date from 90 days to 6 months prior to the event, to coincide with all other program venues.

Motion: Gann
Second: Bates

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.44 Full and Review Audit Alternation

I move that beginning in 2012 we do a full audit and in alternating years we go to a review audit.

Motion: Ford
Second: Gann

Discussion was held regarding financial safeguards in place for the organization. It was determined that there are enough checks and balances in place currently that alternating between a full and review audit would be reasonable.

Approve: Ford, Gann, Bates, McClintock, Hardin, Clayton, Gray, Miller
Disapprove: DeChant
Motion Passes 8-1

Letter of Dissent from Secretary DeChant: Having been on the Board when a review was done instead of an audit, I am aware that things that were wrong were not found. The first year we conducted a full audit, embezzlement was found. I have no concerns with the current procedures at the Office as they have been fully explained to me, and I trust what I have been told. With each Audit that ASCA had, a set of recommendations (the letter to the Board) is given to the Board by the Auditor. I feel that the safeguards that are in place now were those that were recommended in the Audit "letter." I don't want to alarm anyone about the current situation as I have no concerns; however, I feel strongly that ASCA needs an Audit each year. I appreciate saving money, but I think that my fiduciary duty to ASCA is to vote against moving to less financial oversight.

Meeting with Counsel – Charles Carnese

Mr. Carnese informed the Board that ASCA is currently in good legal standing. There are no pending legal issues or appeals.

13.45 Changes to Dispute Rules

I move to accept the changes to the Dispute Rules presented by Counsel.

Section 1 Dispute Defined

Current:

In these rules, the term “dispute” means any controversy, claim, complaint, dispute, appeal, disciplinary matter or the like which is related to ASCA, its objectives, or its activities; either between members of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA or the Club), ASCA’s Affiliates claiming violation of its program rules, or policies.

Proposed:

In these rules, the term “dispute” means any controversy, claim, complaint, dispute, appeal, disciplinary matter or the like, which is related to the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA or the Club), its objectives, or its activities, between members of ASCA, including its Affiliates, claiming a specific violation of ASCA’s program rules, policies or regulations. A dispute does not include any claim by or against a nonmember of ASCA. Any such claim involving a nonmember of ASCA may be addressed to the Executive Secretary for presentation to the Board.

Proposed New Section:

1.1.4 (Renumber current 1.1.4 to 1.1.5) Judges Code of Ethics

The Judges Code of Ethics is a statement of conduct and principles that ASCA requires all of its judges to comply with. Any dispute concerning a violation of the Judges Code of Ethics shall not be subject to these Dispute Rules but may be addressed to the Executive Secretary for presentation to the Board. Only ASCA’s Board of Directors has the authority to determine the propriety of a judge’s conduct and to impose discipline upon any judge for violation of the Judges Code of Ethics.

Motion: Ford
Second: Clayton

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.46 Executive Committee on Judges COE and Dispute Rules

I move to form an Executive Committee to review the Judges Code of Ethics and the Dispute Rules as they pertain to judges. Charter is for one year or until the work is completed. Mission Statement is due within 30 days. Members are: Secretary DeChant, Director Hardin, Director Clayton, and Charles Carnese.

Motion: Ford
Second: Gann

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.49 Clarification of 'Good Standing' Qualification

I move to direct the Stockdog Committee to clarify the rule to provide that members must be in good standing for a period of five consecutive years immediately preceding to their application to become an ASCA Stockdog Judge. The only way to become an ASCA Stockdog Judge is through the Apprentice Program.

Motion: Ford
Second: Hardin

Approve: Unanimous
Abstain: Clayton
Motion Passes 8-0

13.50 Apprentice Agility Judge – Dan Roy

I move that Apprentice Agility Judge Dan Roy be required to apprentice one more trial with specific supervision for demeanor and that the Board will vote on him following the completion of the assignment.

Motion: Ford
Second: Clayton

Approve: Ford, Bates, DeChant, McClintock, Hardin, Clayton, Gray, Miller
Disapprove: Gann
Abstain: Hardin
Motion Passes 7-1

Letter of Dissent from Director Gann: Dan Roy completed all required apprentice work under the supervision of approved ASCA Agility supervisors with nothing but excellent review points. The Agility committee requested that Dan complete 2 more apprentice assignments before moving up to the next level. Since Dan has completed all levels of his training, I feel this is unnecessary to make Dan personally pay for 2 more apprentice assignments when he has already completed said requirements with excellent review points. I do not feel that additional training will help Dan's ability to be an effective ASCA agility judge. I personally feel this is nothing more than a personality conflict between Dan and the Agility committee and I cannot see where more apprentice assignments is going to correct this situation.

\$200 Stipend for Committee Chairs at Nationals

Discussion was held regarding the disbursement of the stipend and the responsibility that comes with accepting it. The Board determined to have all recipients fill out a 1099 form to facilitate total financial accountability. Payment will not be made until after the duties have been carried out, with confirmation by the respective Liaison.

13.53 Chair Stipend for Sunday Miles

I move to approve the \$200 stipend to History Committee Chair Sunday Miles.

Motion: Ford
Second: Gann

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.54 Chair Stipend for Sue Graham

I move to approve the \$200 Chair stipend to Agility Committee Chair Sue Graham.

Motion: Miller
Second: Ford

Approve: Unanimous
Abstain: Gann
Motion Passes 8-0

13.55 Chair Stipend for Karen Black

I move to approve the \$200 Chair stipend to Rally Committee Chair Karen Black.

Motion: Bates
Second: Ford

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

13.56 Chair Stipend for Regi Hall

I move to approve the \$200 Chair stipend to Junior Committee Chair Regi Hall.

Motion: Gann
Second: Ford

Approve: Bates, Clayton, Gray, Miller
Disapprove: Ford, McClintock
Abstain: Gann, Hardin
Non-Voting: DeChant
Motion Passes 4-2

13.57 Chair Stipend for Preston Kissman

I move to approve the \$200 Chair stipend to Stock Dog Committee Chair Preston Kissman.

Motion: Clayton
Second: Ford

Approve: Unanimous
Non-Voting: DeChant
Motion Passes 8-0

13.58 Chair Stipend for Carol McQuade

I move to approve the \$200 Chair stipend to Tracking Committee Chair Carol McQuade.

Motion: Gray
Second: Ford

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

ASCA Registered Agent

Discussion was held regarding the use of CT Corporate Systems as ASCA's registered agent. The Board consensus was to allow Counsel to investigate.

PUPS Legislation

The Board discussed the role that ASCA plays in education and action regarding legislation affecting the membership.

BoD Working 2013 Stock Dog Finals

First Vice-President Gann, Secretary DeChant, and Director Gray have volunteered to organize the 2013 Stock Dog Finals.

Arrangements/Expenses for BoD at 2013 Nationals

The Board discussed which Directors would be in attendance at the 2013 National Specialty in Greeley, Colorado, and the arrangements necessary for their travel and stay. Arrangements must be made at least 60 days prior to the event.

2013 Finals Budget

Discussion was held regarding cutting down the cost of Finals and how that might be accomplished. The Board determined to hold a teleconference meeting on April 15, 2013, at 8:00 PM CDT. National Chair Terri Morgan will be invited to call in for discussion of the 2013 Finals Budget.

BoD Meeting Dates at 2013 Nationals

The Board determined to meet on Monday, September 23rd from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM and Wednesday, September 25th from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Available directors will attend the program Finals and receptions, Welcome Reception BBQ, Affiliate Meeting, and Banquet. The Board, including outgoing and incoming directors, will attend the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 26th.

Obedience Committee Chair

Anne Shope has resigned as Chair. Until a new Chair is elected each member will serve as the Chair for their own motion. Liaison Bates will keep the Board informed.

Committee Reports

The Board heard from Committee Liaisons:

- a. Agility Committee – Director Miller reported that the committee was making a motion to pay course reviewers, investigating lower jump heights and a new Veterans division.
- b. Conformation Committee – Secretary DeChant reported that the committee was working on several items.
- c. DNA Committee – Director Gray reported that the committee is quiet.
- d. Hall of Fame Committee – Director Clayton reported that the committee is working on adding the Farm Trial titles to Hall of Fame, with guidance from the SDC.
- e. History Committee – President Ford reported that the honoree at the 2013 Nationals for Lifetime Achievement Award will be Ann DeChant.
- f. Infectious Disease Committee – Treasurer McClintock reported that the committee is working on a mission statement, and in the process of defining the scope of their work.
- g. Junior Committee – 1st Vice-President Gann reported that the committee is working on additional junior merit programs and rule revisions.
- h. Legislative Committee – Treasurer McClintock reported that the committee recently published their report on the PUPS legislation, a copy of which has been placed on the website in the members' only section of the site.
- i. MVA Committee – Director Clayton reported that the committee is quiet.
- j. Obedience Committee – 2nd Vice-President Bates' report was covered above as a separate agenda item.
- k. Rally Committee – 2nd Vice-President Bates reported that the committee is mostly working on rule clean-ups.
- l. Stock Dog Committee – Director Clayton reported that the committee has multiple motions in the works, including approximately 25 coming through the Executive Committee, and have been working on the addition of Farm Trial titles to Hall of Fame.
- m. Tracking Committee – Director Gray reported that the committee is working on several motions, with one on the floor.

Strategic Plan

2nd Vice President Bates presented the Strategic Plan. He requested that the Directors of the Board consider desired updates to the Strategic Plan and let him know so he may revise.

Adjournment

I move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Bates
Second: David

Approve: Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM CDT.

2013 Spring Meeting of the ASCA Foundation Bryan, Texas

Friday, April 5, 2013

President Ford called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM CDT.
Directors in attendance included President Russ Ford, 1st Vice-President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice-President Ronnie Bates, Secretary Ann DeChant, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Director Rick Hardin, Director David Clayton, Director Linda Gray, and Director Jean Miller.

There is a quorum.

Members in attendance included Jo Kimes and Sandy McClintock.

Also in attendance was Charles Carnese, ASCA Counsel.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the ASCA Foundation Meeting held at the 2012 Nationals were read by Counsel.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer McClintock gave an overview of the Profit and Loss Detail. It was suggested to set aside \$50,000 for future investment.

13.59 Increase to Amount of Cee Hambo Scholarship

I move to increase the Cee Hambo Scholarship amount from \$500 to \$1000.

Motion: Ford

Second: Miller

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

Norm Andrews Scholarship

President Ford presented to the Foundation that Norm Andrews' family is interested in setting up a scholarship to be disbursed by ASCA. He will discuss it further with Mr. Andrews' family and report back to the Foundation on specifications.

Disbursement of Funds to ASHGI

I move to disburse the money earmarked for epilepsy for year 2012 and send to the Australian Shepherd Health and Genetics Institute.

Motion: DeChant

Second: Clayton

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

Adjournment

I move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Bates
Second: Gann

ASCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2013

President Ford called the meeting to order in Executive Session at 8:00 PM CDT. Directors in attendance included President Russ Ford, 1st Vice-President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice-President Ronnie Bates, Secretary Ann DeChant, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Director Rick Hardin, Director David Clayton, Director Linda Gray, and Director Jean Miller.

There is a quorum.

Also in attendance was Charles Carnese, ASCA Counsel.

- Executive Session closed at 8:07 PM CDT.
- Treasurer McClintock and Mr. Carnese left the meeting.
- 2013 Nationals Chair Terri Morgan joined the meeting at 8:17 PM CDT.

2013 Finals Budgets

Corrections to Stock Dog class labeling and Stock Dog feed cost calculations were brought to the attention of Chairperson Morgan. Discussion was held regarding the use of five head of stock, instead of ten, for the Final Go Round in Stock Dog Finals. Chairperson Morgan will discuss with the 2013 Nationals Stock Chairperson and report back to the Board. Discussion was held regarding the Finals fees and streamlining the process of ordering Finals ribbons. The Board has determined to be more active in encouraging sponsorships for Nationals and Finals classes.

- Chairperson Morgan left the meeting.

13.61 Tentative Approval of 2013 Finals Budgets

I move to approve the 2013 ASCA Finals Budgets as presented and amended, following this meeting.

Motion: Gann
Second: Bates

Discussion: Budget needs to be approved so the host club can begin to make purchases.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

- Stock Dog Committee Chair Preston Kissman joined the meeting at 8:45 PM CDT.

Changes to the Stock Dog Judge Apprentice Application Requirements

Chairperson Kissman presented the Stock Dog Committee's motives in presenting the motion. Discussion was held regarding the value of competition experience for a judge applicant and the non-inclusion of educational requirements in the current motion.

94:01 Changes to Rule 12.1.3

I move to change rule 12.1.3, see below:

Current rule:

12.1.3 The random draw for run order of the Elimination go-round will be done by the Business Office after entries close. Day of, if there is a scratch and an alternate is used to replace the scratch, the alternate will have the same draw for run order. Final go-round run order will be random draw assigned to the placing rank of the Elimination go-round total scores.

Replace with:

12.1.3 The random draw for run order of the 1st and 2nd Elimination go-rounds will be done by the Business Office after entries close. Run orders to be posted at each stock site morning of runs. Day of, if there is a scratch and an alternate is used to replace the scratch, the alternate will have the same draw for run order. Final go-round run order will be random draw assigned to the placing rank of the Elimination go-rounds total scores. Posted at each stock site morning of runs.

Effective immediately.

Motion: Clayton

Approve: Unanimous
Non-Voting: Hardin, McClintock
Motion Passes 7-0

94:01 Change to 12.3.4

I move to change rule 12.3.4, see below:

Current rule:

12.3.4 No entry fees will be refunded.

Replace with:

12.3.4 If an eligible contestant(s) scratch(es) on day of first elimination round and one or more of the first ten alternates per class of stock are available to replace the scratch, the next in line alternate will pay their entry fee and become eligible. They will have the same draw for run order as the contestant that scratched.

Motion: Clayton

Approve: Unanimous

Non-Voting: Hardin, McClintock

Motion Passes 7-0

The meeting was adjourned by President Ford at 9:16 PM CDT.

April Secretary's Report

This report details the day-to-day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors by mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications.

87:19 Conformation - Motion to Clarify 9.10

Voting Results:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Hardin

Motion Passes 8-1

87:19 Conformation - Motion to Clarify 9.10

I move that this Motion 9.10 Updates approved by the Conformation Committee be approved by the Board.

Ann

Motion #16 9.10 updates

This motion has passed the Committee and will be sent to the Board this evening.

Yes – (10)

No – (1) Motion 16: I still think it should be 24 months. So I vote No.

Motion 16

We have a motion by Linda with a second by Susan H.

I, Linda Braun, make the following motion:

Reason: To clarify the rules of conflict of interest for an exhibitor.

To read as follows under Chapter 9.10:

SECTION 9.10 No entry shall be made by an exhibitor at any show under a judge of the following:

A: Any dog said judge or a member of his immediate family or household owns, co-owns, bred, co-bred, or has owned or co-owned in the past.

B. Any dog said judge or a member of his immediate family or household has bred to, held under lease, boarded, trained, or instructed in the preceding 12 months. Trained or Instructed applies equally to exhibitors who train professionally or as amateurs.

C: Any person who has handled for said judge in the conformation ring more than twice in the preceding twelve months.

D: Any person or a member of his immediate family or household who within the preceding 12 months has co-owned, co-bred, or purchased a dog with said judge.

E: Any person or a member of his immediate family or household who has worked as an employee or independent contractor of said judge within the preceding 12 months.

F. Any person or a member of his immediate family or household who said judge has regularly trained or instructed in the preceding 12 months. Trained or instructed applies equally to exhibitors who train professionally or as amateurs.

The judge's immediate family or household is defined in Chapter 1, Section 4 & 5.

Rule as it reads now:

SECTION 9.10 No entry shall be made by an exhibitor at any show under a judge of any dog which said judge or any member of his immediate household or immediate family (as defined in Chapter 1, Section 4 & 5) currently or previously:

A. Owns, co-owns, bred or co-bred, sold, traded or given.

B. Handled in the ring more than twice, held under lease or kept for a period of more than thirty (30) days within one year prior to the date of show.

87:19 Conformation - Motion to Update Rule 7.6

Voting Results:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Hardin

Motion Passes 8-1

87:19 Conformation - Motion to Update Rule 7.6

I move that the following Motion 7.6 Updates from the Conformation Committee be approved by the Board.

Ann

Motion #15 7.6 updates

Yes - (10)

No - (1) Motion 15: No - Letter of dissent: I vote No on this motion because I feel that the term "independent contractor" is too generic and is too open to interpretation which would make it harder to have it defined in reference to the Show Rules.

We have a motion by Linda, with a second by Susan H.

I, Linda Braun, make the following motion:

Reason: To clarify the rules of conflict of interest for a judge.

To read as follows under Chapter 7.6:

SECTION 7.6: A Conformation Judge shall not pass judgment on:

A: Any dog who said judge or a member of his immediate family or household owns, co-owns, bred, co-bred, or has owned or co-owned in the past.

B: Any dog who said judge or a member of his immediate family or household has bred to, held under lease, boarded, trained, or instructed in the preceding 12 months. Trained or instructed applies equally to exhibitors who train professionally or as amateurs.

C: Any person who has handled for said judge in the conformation ring more than twice in the preceding 12 months.

D. Any person or a member of his immediate family or household who, within the preceding 12 months, has co-owned, co-bred, or purchased a dog with said judge.

E: Any person or a member of his immediate family or household who worked as an employee or independent contractor of said judge within the preceding 12 months.

F: Any person or a member of the immediate family or household who said judge has regularly trained or instructed in the preceding 12 months. Trained or instructed applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs.

The judge's immediate family or household is defined in Chapter 1, Section 4 & 5.

As the rule currently reads:

SECTION 7.6: A conformation Judge shall not pass judgment on:

A: Any dog he, or a member of his immediate family or household owns, co-owns, bred or co-bred.

B: Any dog he or a member of his immediate family or household has owned, co-owned, held under lease,

Boarded, regularly trained, instructed or handled (more than twice) in the conformation ring in the preceding twelve months.

C: A handler he or a member of the immediate family or household has trained or instructed on more than two occasions in the preceding twelve months. "Trained" or "Instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs. The judge's immediate family or household includes: spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild or any combination by marriage, or any person residing with the judge.

06:05 Rally - Motion 13-2 Use of Distractions

Voting Results:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock

Disapprove: Miller

Motion Passes 8-1

Letter of Dissent from Miller: These motions have an effective date that is in conflict with our Bylaws. According to the ASCA Bylaws - they only be effective no sooner than 30 days post publication in our newsletter. They will not make the AT in time to be effective on June 1st, 2013.

06:05 Rally - Motion 13-2 Use of Distractions

Motion: Bates

I move to approve the following Rally Committee motion:

Committee Votes:

For: Armstrong, Black, Mahoney, Mallonee, Pierce, Prechtl, Shanks, Tyler, Walroth

Against: Lohse

Abstain: N/A

Non-Voting: Smith-McCoy

Subject: Use of distraction exercise equipment and the area occupied by those exercises.

Motion by: Sandra Walroth

Second by: Corrine Shanks

Beginning of motion: I move that the following changes to the use of cone and distraction exercises be made to the current rulebook.

Body of motion:

Change the following sections:

CHAPTER 16: TRIAL GUIDELINES - from:

SECTION 1: Judges

16.1.4 The Judge shall only use equipment that is approved by the current Rules and Regulations of ASCA and that the Affiliate Club is required to provide.

- a. The distribution of the stations should balance the area given for the ring.
- b. When designing courses, Judges should always keep in mind that 'flow' and safety are important in all classes. When judging, the Judge should be mindful in placing themselves out of the way of the Team but yet in places where they can clearly see the Team perform each exercise completely.

To:

SECTION 1: Judges

16.1.4 The Judge shall only use equipment that is approved by the current Rules and Regulations of ASCA and that the Affiliate Club is required to provide.

- a. The distribution of the stations should balance the area given for the ring.
- b. When designing courses, Judges should always keep in mind that 'flow' and safety are important in all classes.
- c. Course paths may not pass between distractions unless the exercise utilizing those distractions is being performed. Distractions are to be placed on the course in such a manner as to test the dog only during exercises where distractions are a primary part of the exercise.
- d. When judging, the Judge should be mindful in placing themselves out of the way of the Team but yet in places where they can clearly see the Team perform each exercise completely.

Summary: Adds instructions c. and d. to 16.1.4.

----- And -----

CHAPTER 17: SIGNS AND DESCRIPTIONS - from:

75. Offset Figure 8 with Distractions:

Two cones are set eight 8 to 10 feet apart. Two distractions, either toys (6-12" in size) or bowls (1-2 qt size) with food (securely covered), shall be placed six 6 to 8feet apart, at right angles to cones. Team enters center of cones, heeling a single complete figure eight, and exits. Team shall pass the center of cones three times.

76. Serpentine One Way with Distractions:

Four cones are placed 8 to 10 feet apart in a straight line. Two distractions, either toys (6-12" in size) or bowls (1-2 qt size) with food (securely covered), shall replace the two inner cones. Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling, weaves down throughout the cones and distractions and exits with the last cone to their right.

77. Serpentine Down & Back with Distractions:

Four cones are placed 8 to 10 feet apart in a straight line. Two (2) distractions, either toys (6-12" in size) or bowls (1-2 qt size) with food (securely covered), shall replace the two inner cones. Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling, weaves down throughout the cones and distractions, around the last one, and back the other way. Team exits with the last cone to their left.

To:

75. Offset Figure 8 with Distractions:

Two cones are set eight 8 to 10 feet apart. Two distractions, either toys (6-12" in size) or bowls (1-2 qt size) with food (securely covered), shall be placed six 6 to 8 feet apart, at right angles to cones. Team enters center of cones, heeling a single complete figure eight, and exits. Team shall pass the center of cones three times. Cones and distractions may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones and distractions.

76 Serpentine One Way with Distractions:

Four cones are placed 8 to 10 feet apart in a straight line. Two distractions, either toys (6-12" in size) or bowls (1-2 qt size) with food (securely covered), shall replace the two inner cones. Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling, weaves down throughout the cones and distractions and exits with the last cone to their right. Cones and distractions may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones and distractions.

77 Serpentine Down & Back with Distractions:

Four cones are placed 8 to 10 feet apart in a straight line. Two (2) distractions, either toys (6-12" in size) or bowls (1-2 qt size) with food (securely covered), shall replace the two inner cones. Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling, weaves down throughout the cones and distractions, around the last one, and back the other way. Team exits with the last cone to their left. Cones and distractions may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones and distractions.

Summary: Adds the instruction regarding use of distractions to the end of the three signs affected.

Comments: The distractions on exercises 75, 76, and 77 were intended to test the teams during the performance of those exercises only.

Party(s) Impacted (affiliate, member, Aussie, etc.): Judges and exhibitors.

Effective date: June 1, 2013 for it to be in place for the 2013 Nationals and Finals.

94:01 Stockdog - Requirement to Provide Judges with a Copy of the Course Description and Map (Motion 19/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Bates

Motion Passes 8-1

Letter of Dissent from Bates: This is a Business Office procedure.

94:01 Stockdog - Requirement to Provide Judges with a Copy of the Course Description and Map (Motion 19/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I move that Section 8-Regulations be replaced with the following:

SECTION 8 – REGULATIONS. The Course Director will ensure that the Judge has a copy of the Course description and map. All other rules and regulations listed in the ASCA Stockdog Rulebook will be enforced for the Farm Trial Dog Program where applicable.

Current:

SECTION 8 – REGULATIONS

All other rules and regulations listed in the ASCA Stockdog Rulebook will be enforced for the Farm Trial Dog Program where applicable

Rationale: This motion will ensure that the judge will have all the necessary information to efficiently judge a Farm Trial. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) If the board passes this motion it will be inserted into the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Information Required for an Approved Show Flyer (Motion 18/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock
Disapprove: Miller
Motion Passes 8-1

94:01 Stockdog - Information Required for an Approved Show Flyer (Motion 18/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I move that the following be added to 11.7.4 subcategory (d) add x. If a set out dog is to be used, to the list of requirements on the flyer and that the subsequent roman numerals be adjusted

Proposed:

d. A copy of the flyer for the trial. The flyer must contain the following information:

- i. Host Club, location, and date(s) of trial(s)
- ii. Course Director and ASCA Judge(s) name
- iii. Course description for each division
- iv. Diagram of the course
- v. Maximum time for each division
- vi. Warning times
- vii. What task(s) score is used for breaking ties
- viii. Points for each task
- ix. When bitches in heat can run
- x. If a set out dog is to be used
- xi. Maximum number of runs
- xii. When run order is drawn
- xiii. Type of stock

- xiv. Pre-entry opening and closing dates
- e. Any other additional affiliate rules regarding entries.
- ei. Sanctioning fee.

Current:

- d. A copy of the flyer for the trial. The flyer must contain the following information:
 - i. Host Club, location, and date(s) of trial(s)
 - ii. Course Director and ASCA Judge(s) name
 - iii. Course description for each division
 - iv. Diagram of the course
 - v. Maximum time for each division
 - vi. Warning times
 - vii. What task(s) score is used for breaking ties
 - viii. Points for each task
 - ix. When bitches in heat can run
 - x. Maximum number of runs
 - xi. When run order is drawn
 - xii. Type of stock
 - xiii. Pre-entry opening and closing dates
 - xiv. Any other additional affiliate rules regarding entries.
- e. Sanctioning fee.

Rationale: This motion will give competitors necessary information in deciding if they want to enter. Not all dogs work well with a set out dog and the competitor should not have to find out that a set out dog is to be used at the trial. The additional changes are just a number reordering necessitated by the addition in the motion. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) This motion if approved by the board would be inserted into the January 2014

rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Insertion of Farm Trial Score Sheet Template to ASCA Website (Motion 16/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Gann, Gray, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Bates, Ford, Hardin

Motion Passes 6-3

Letter of Dissent from Bates: This should have been called out of order. Score sheets, entry forms, etc., are Business Office functions in coordination with the Committee. Does not require Board approval.

94:01 Stockdog - Insertion of Farm Trial Score Sheet Template to ASCA Website (Motion 16/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I move that a text entry score sheet template (attached) will be placed on the ASCA website under Stockdog Forms

Rationale: If the motion concerning the club generated score sheet passes there will need to be an easily accessed form to use for the club generated score sheet. If approved by the board, a text entry score sheet template would be placed on the ASCA website under Stock Dog Forms starting in January 2014.

94:01 Stockdog - Creation of an Affiliate Created Score Sheet For Farm Trials (Motion 15/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Bates, Hardin

Motion Passes 7-2

94:01 Stockdog - Creation of an Affiliate Created Score Sheet For Farm Trials (Motion 15/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I make a motion that 11.7.4 (d) be replaced with a club generated score sheet. Add:

d. A club generated score sheet. A template with text entry for a score sheet is available on the ASCA website under Forms and Rulebooks -Stockdog Forms-Farm Trial Score sheet. Clubs must include on the score sheet:

i. The Australian Shepherd Club of America

ii. Host Club's Name

iii. Date of Trial

iv. Location of trial

v. Type of Trial (sheep/goats, cattle, poultry, or mixed)

vi. Division

vii. List the tasks in the order that they will be accomplished with the points available for each section listed on the score sheet. Tasks such as pen work may be divided into parts and may be separated by other tasks. If the task is divided the available points for that task will be divided between the parts

viii. A brief description of where a task starts and ends will be included on the score sheet.

ix. The Judge's name and signature

All original score sheets must be sent into the ASCA business office postmarked no later than 14 days after the trial. A copy must be given to the competitor. If a photocopy machine is unavailable carbonless paper is available at Office Supply stores. See example page (place example score sheet on opposite page and note page number). (See attached example of score sheet and the text entry score sheet to be placed on the ASCA website under Stockdog forms) (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.)

Rationale: This motion will improve the flow of the Farm Trial scoring, to make it easier for judges and contestants to see where points are to be assigned and to enable clubs to more easily fit their unique courses into the format. If the above motion is approved by the Board, this motion would be inserted into the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Information Required for Chutes, Pens, Gates and Gather Area (Motion 14/19)

Voting Results:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Information Required for Chutes, Pens, Gates and Gather Area (Motion 14/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I move that 11.7.4 (c) be replaced with the following:

c. The size of the chutes, to include length and width, pens, gates, and gather areas.

Current:

c. The size of the chutes, pens, gates, and gather areas.

Rationale: This is to ensure that the SDC has the information needed to determine if the chute meets the requirements of a chute and prevent the need to ask the club for additional information. Clubs are often failing to give the width of the chute in their application. If approved by the Board, this motion would be inserted into the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Description of Each Task Performed in a Farm Trial (Motion 13/19)

Voting Results:
Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

94:01 Stockdog - Description of Each Task Performed in a Farm Trial (Motion 13/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I move that 11.7.4 (a) be replaced with the following:

a. A complete description of the course and the order in which the tasks must be performed for each division (OFTD, AFTD). A description of each task will be included.

The description will define where the task begins and ends and may include but is not limited to the drive/fetch to or from the task. There will be no area on the course that is not judged. Tasks, such as pen work, may be listed more than once, with the designated points allotted for each section, if portions of the tasks are separated.

Current:

a. A complete description of the course and the order in which the tasks must be performed for each division (OFTD, AFTD)

Rationale: This motion will define all the elements of the task are to be for the judges and competitors and clarify that it is not just the isolated task (pen, chute, sort, etc.) that is being judged. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) If Approved by the Board, this motion would be inserted into the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Qualifying Scores for the Farm Trial Program (Motion 12/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Hardin

Disapprove: Bates, Gray, McClintock, Miller

Motion Passes 5-4

Letter of Dissent from Bates: What if 2-3 tasks receive less than 50% of the points available for a task & yet still receives > 91 points? Seems like a better solution would be that at least 50% of each task must be earned or something similar.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Qualifying Scores for the Farm Trial Program (Motion 12/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I move that 11.6.5 be replaced with the following:

11.6.5 Qualifying Score: Open and Advanced Farm Trial Dogs must earn 70% or more of the total points (91/130). If any task receives a score of zero the run shall not qualify even if a score of 91 or higher is achieved.

Current:

11.6.5 Qualifying Score: Open and Advanced Farm Trial Dogs must earn 70% or more

of the total points (91/130).

Rationale: This motion will bring a higher level of performance to the Farm Trial. If a farm dog was unable to complete a task to at least some degree it would not be an able assistant to the farmer and as such should not have a qualifying run. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) If approved by the board, this motion would be inserted into the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Re-Allocation of Points for Tasks Associated with the Farm Trial Score Sheet (Motion 11/19)

Voting Results: Approve: Unanimous

Abstain: Miller

Motion Passes 8-0

94:01 Stockdog - Re-Allocation of Points for Tasks Associated with the Farm Trial Score Sheet (Motion 11/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I move that rule 11.6.4 be replaced with the following:

11.6.4 Score Sheet: (see page {fill in appropriate page number} – Farm Trial Score Sheet): The total number of points available is 130 for Open/Advanced, broken down as follows:

- i. Pen Work: 25 points
- ii. Sort Work: 25 points
- iii. Chute Work: 20 points
- iv. Gather Work: 20 of total points
- v. Two Location Specific Tasks: 20 points each

Points may be deducted during the accomplishment of every aspect of the task. This may include but is not limited to the drive or fetch approaching or leaving the task.

Ties are broken by the score on a specified task(s). This task(s) must be specified on the score sheet and premium.

Current:

11.6.4 Score Sheet: (see page 55 – Farm Trial Score Sheet): The total number of points available is 130 for Open/Advanced, broken down as follows:

- i. Pen Work: 25 points
- ii. Sort Work: 25 points
- iii. Chute Work: 25 points
- iv. Gather Work: 25 of total points
- v. Location Specific Task: 15 points each

Ties are broken by the score on a specified task(s). This task(s) must be specified on the score sheet and premium.

Rationale: This motion will even out the distribution of points giving tasks of similar difficulty the same point schedule and define where points may be deducted. This does not change the total number of points. (if Motion #15, a club generated score sheet, is accepted there will be no need for a new score sheet) (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) If approved by the board this motion would be inserted into the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Classes of Livestock Allowed in a Farm Trial (Motion 9/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Miller

Disapprove: Ford, Gann, Hardin, McClintock

Abstain: Gray

Motion Ties 4-4, Motion Lost

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Classes of Livestock Allowed in a Farm Trial (Motion 9/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I move that rule 11.5.3 be replaced with:

11.5.3 Using multiple classes of livestock within the course: The "m" in FTDm indicates acceptable work on a Farm Trial course which involved work with more than one class of livestock. For example: sheep/goats and cattle, poultry and cattle, or poultry and sheep/goats, or cattle, sheep/goats and poultry. Safety for all participants (including livestock) should be paramount when designing the course with multiple classes of livestock. Different classes of stock must not be mixed together. For the purposes of the Farm Trial sheep and goats will be considered the same stock and may be mixed together. All poultry will be considered the same stock and may be mixed together.

Current:

11.5.3 Using multiple classes of livestock within the course: The "m" in FTDm indicates acceptable work on a Farm Trial course which involved work with more than one class of livestock. For example: sheep or goats/cattle, poultry/cattle, or poultry/sheep or goats. Safety for all participants (including livestock) should be paramount when designing the course with multiple classes of livestock. Different classes of stock must not be mixed together.

Rationale: This is to clarify what the classes of livestock are allowed. As written now it could be interpreted as allowing goats/cattle or poultry/sheep to be worked together, etc. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) If Approved by Board would be included in the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Additional Potential Tasks Included into the Farm Trial (Motion 8/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Hardin, McClintock

Disapprove: Bates, Miller

Abstain: Gray

Motion Passes 6-2

Letter of Dissent from Miller: Driving, in and of itself, is not a task. It is something that a dog does when performing a task. A drive, for the sake of driving, does not belong in a Farm Trial.

94:01 Stockdog - Additional Potential Tasks Included into the Farm Trial (Motion 8/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I make a motion that the following tasks be added to the end of 11.5.1 (e.)

x. Drafting Race

xi. Drive

xii. Simulating Medical Treatment e.g. vaccines, oral drenching, hoof trimming, banding, tagging, marking sheep etc.

Rationale: This motion gives additional tasks that are allowed without special consideration by the SDC to fulfill the additional task requirements (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) If approved by the board it would be included into the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Chute Dimension and How a Chute Must Be Used in a Farm Trial (Motion 7/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Chute Dimension and How a Chute Must Be Used in a Farm Trial (Motion 7/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I make a motion that rule 11.5.1 subcategory (c) be replaced with the following:

c. Chute Work: This work must have a purpose, e.g. a loading chute, a chute leading to a squeeze, gate, drafting race or footbath. The chute may have a stop gate to restrict exit allowing the handler to simulate performing other stock related chores. The chute will be wide enough for the animals to move through but not wide enough to allow the stock to turn around. The chute for cattle/sheep must be a minimum of 16 feet long. The chute for ducks must be a minimum of 8 feet long. Wings may be used to assist loading the animals into the chute but will not count as part of the required length. The dog and handler will work together during the chute work. Other chute activities may be used with approval of the Stockdog Committee. Any task performed will be scored as part of the chute work and not as a separate task.

Before:

c. Chute Work: The stock must be put into the chute, moved through the chute, and out of it. The chute must restrict the forward movement of the livestock in such a way as to

funnel down to manageable numbers to doctor or load a trailer or squeeze. The dog and handler may work together during the chute work. Chute work will include using, but not limited to, either a loading chute, or a chute leading up to a squeeze, sorting gate or drafting race. Depending on the facility, other chute type situations may be used with approval of the Stockdog Committee.

Rationale: This motion will improve the consistency between Farm Trials. It also better defines what will constitute chute work. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.)

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Type of Sort Required in Farm Trials (Motion 6/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock

Disapprove: Miller

Motion Passes 8-1

Letter of Dissent from Miller: I think the original had the sort described better. I would make it two sorts and say that one has to be a gate sort, not that one sort is required and it has to be a gate sort.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Type of Sort Required in Farm Trials (Motion 6/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion Approval: Unanimous

I make a motion that rule 11.5.1 subcategory (b) be replaced with-

b. Sorting: At least one gate sort is required during the course regardless of division. A sort of at least 3 marked animals is required. The dog and handler will work together during the sort.

Current:

b. Sorting: At least one sort is required during the course regardless of division. A sort of at least 3 marked animals is required. The work required includes the sorting of the animals and moving them to a separate pen and/or holding them in a designated area. A drafting race may be used. The dog and handler may work together during sorting.

Rationale: This motion will improve the consistency of difficulty between Farm Trials. It will also ensure that the dog is involved in the task. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) Motion if

approved to be inserted in January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Type and Kind of Pen Work Required in a Farm Trial (Motion 5/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, McClintock

Disapprove: Bates, Miller

Motion Passes 7-2

Letter of Dissent from Miller: The membership seemed opposed to increasing the number of pens. I agree. I realize that the Farm Trial is a simulation of real farm work, but I think that increasing the number of pens without justification for it serves no purpose. If my dog can do 2 pens or 4, what is the difference? Just asking.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Type and Kind of Pen Work Required in a Farm Trial (Motion 5/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee

Motion approval Unanimous

I make a motion that rule 11.5.1 subcategory (a) be replaced with the following:

a. Pen Work: Minimum of four pens needed. A pen shall be big enough for a dog to safely work around the livestock but small enough that the sense of a pen is established. An arena, pasture, large round pen, large corral or other area not giving the feel of a pen will not be accepted. The work may include, but is not limited to, moving the stock from one pen to another. The dog should work primarily on its own in the pens. The dog remaining stationary while the handler removes the stock from the pen will not fulfill the pen work requirement. Exhausting the stock at the end of the course will not count towards the required pens. Points will be divided between the pens with the club designating on the course description the point value of each individual pen.

Current:

a. Pen Work: Minimum of two pens needed. The work will include, but is not limited to, moving the stock from one pen to another before and after sort and/or chute work. The dog should work primarily on its own in the pens.

Rationale: This motion increases the pen work required for a farm trial to better reflect a working farm's tasks and to improve the consistency in difficulty between farm trials.

This motion defines what will constitute pen work. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) Motion if

approved to be placed in the June 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Course Design for Open and Advanced Farm Trial Courses (Motion 4/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Course Design for Open and Advanced Farm Trial Courses (Motion 4/19)

I make a motion that rule 11.5.1 second paragraph be replaced with the following:

The course designer must take into account the increased difficulty for each division (OFTD, AFTD) when developing the course. At least three tasks (including the gather) must have requirements increasing the difficulty between Open and Advanced. Ways to increase difficulty can include, but are not limited to, length of gather, sorts of marked animals, advanced pen/chute work, handler lines, use of drives, use of task(s) that are specific to a division, etc. The difference between an open and advanced task can be in any part of the task including the designated task itself and/or any part leading up to or leaving the task.

Current:

The course designer must take into account the increased difficulty for each division (OFTD, AFTD) when developing the course. Ways to increase difficulty can include, but are not limited to, length of gather, sorts of marked animals, advanced pen/chute work, handler lines, use of drives, use of task(s) that are specific to a division, etc.

Rationale: This motion will make sure that there is a greater difference between the divisions (OFTD and AFTD) than we are currently finding. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) If motion approved by board to be placed in January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Inclusion of Non-Compete Option into the Farm Trial Program (Motion 3/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Gray

Disapprove: Bates, Ford, Gann, Hardin, McClintock, Miller

Motion Fails 6-3

94:01 Stockdog - Inclusion of Non-Compete Option into the Farm Trial Program (Motion 3/19)

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee:

Motion: Approved Unanimously

I make a motion to add to 11.4.2 subcategory (c.) allowing for a non-compete entry option for the farm trial program. Subcategory (c.) would include the following:

c. Non-compete Option: At the handler's option the handler may choose to enter a Farm Trial as Non-compete. A Non-compete run will be judged the same as a regular run, however the run will only count towards earning a leg and is not eligible for placement, points or prizes. The Business Office will record the leg as a QNC (qualifying non-compete). The competitor will mark the division (Open or Advanced) on the entry form and write non-compete across the top of the entry form. When giving the judge their number the competitor will state that the run is a Non-compete and the judge will write NC on the score sheet.

Rationale: This rule will allow a contestant who feels they have an unfair advantage for placements, such as the property owner, to at their option, enter a farm trial for legs but not for awards. (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) The motion if passed by the board to be placed in the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification to Resting Time Required for Stock Used in a Farm Trial (Motion 2/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller

Disapprove: McClintock

Motion Passes 8-1

Letter of Dissent from McClintock: As written, the proposed rule will not accomplish its intended goal of making certain that stock will have a rest period between runs no shorter than the time equal to a full run. Instead, the new rule still inadvertently permits the shorter of a "run" OR the full time allotted to a run. This is a self-defeating oversight in language and must be rectified before the Board may consider the merits of the proposal.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification to Resting Time Required for Stock Used in a Farm Trial (Motion 2/19)

Motion by Clayton

Motion approved: Unanimously

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee:

I make a motion to replace 11.3.4 with the following:

11.3.4. After a group of stock has run the course, they are required to rest at least 1 run, or the time allotted for one run, before being used in any portion of the course again.

Current:

11.3.4. After a group of stock has run the course, they are required to rest at least 1 run before being used in any portion of the course again.

Rationale: This motion will allow a club to choose to rest the animals for the length of a run without having to rent an additional group of stock if the number of runs to stock groups allows (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.) If passed by the board, to be included in January 2014 Rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Animals That May Be Used in a Farm Trial (Motion 1/19)

Voting Results:

Approve: Clayton, Miller

Disapprove: Bates, DeChant, Ford, Gann, Hardin, McClintock

Abstain: Gray

Motion Fails 6-2

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of Animals That May Be Used in a Farm Trial (Motion 1/19)

Motion by Clayton:

I move to accept the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee:

Motion Approved: Unanimously

I make a motion that rule 11.3.1 be replaced with the following:

11.3.1. Classes of livestock will be cattle, sheep/goats, and/or poultry. Cattle will have the designation (c); sheep/goats will have the designation (s); poultry, which includes ducks, chickens, geese, and turkeys, will have the designation (d).

Multiples classes of stock may be used in the course design. The designation (m) will be used to indicate the dog worked multiple classes of stock in a single course. If multiple classes of stock are used, they must not be mixed but worked independently.

For the purposes of the Farm Trial sheep and goats will be considered the same stock and may be mixed together. All poultry will be considered the same stock and may be mixed together.

Current:

11.3.1. Classes of livestock will be cattle, sheep/goats, and/or fowl. Cattle will have the designation (c); sheep/goats will have the designation (s); fowl, which includes ducks, chickens, geese, and turkeys, will have the designation (d).

Multiple classes of stock may be used in the course design. The designation (m) will be used to indicate the dog worked multiple classes of stock in a single course. If multiple classes of stock are used, they must not be mixed but worked independently.

Rationale: This is a clarification of the classes of livestock that can be used in a farm trial. Changing fowl to poultry is so it will be consistent with the rest of the document where poultry is used (Bolding and italics are for clarity of the motion only and are not to be used in the rulebook if the motion is passed.)

To be included in the January 2014 Rulebook if passed by the board.

94:01 Stockdog - Changes to the Stock Dog Judge Apprentice Application Requirements

Voting Results:

Approve: Clayton, Ford, Gann, Gray, Hardin, Miller

Disapprove: Bates, DeChant, McClintock

Motion Passes 6-3

Letter of Dissent from Bates: I have no issue with the SDC attempting to strengthen the requirements to apply as a Stockdog Judge. Even with the proposed changes, I see nothing that meets the Rationale statement to ensure the applicants "are of quality and experience." My biggest concern is the fact that so much emphasis is on "Finals" to be a more qualified judge.

Letter of Dissent from DeChant: I oppose this motion as I think education needs to be included.

Letter of Dissent from McClintock: I agree generally with all of the proposed changes except qualifying for finals and gaining finals points. Little additional knowledge is gained by being fortunate enough to have acquired a top level dog whose abilities and training have brought him to the point of earning finals points, not to mention having sufficient money at hand to exploit this talent, and then earning enough points to qualify for finals, a goal which has no fixed point of reference.

The number of points needed to qualify for finals floats from year to year depending on conditions not only beyond the control of a potential applicant, but on conditions which

have nothing whatever to do with the applicant' s abilities or those of his dog. Qualification for finals is a RELATIVE achievement, not a fixed and definable degree of achievement. Judging should not be predicated on a standard of performance so ill defined, nor on a goal so ephemeral as the number of points needed to have been in finals in any given year.

We need to find applicants with stockmanship qualities, not necessarily those who do well in arena trials. The difference between WTCH and sufficient points to have made it to finals is a significant amount of time and money spent in the pursuit, but not necessarily any additional learning or demonstration of merit as a potential judge. In simple words, our top finalists do not necessarily make our best judges -- they do not necessarily make good judges at all.

94:01 Stockdog - Changes to the Stock Dog Judge Apprentice Application Requirements

Motion by Clayton:

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee:

Approve: 11
Against: none.
Abstain: 1

I move the following changes to the Apprentice Stock Dog Judge Program be made.

CHAPTER 8

APPRENTICE STOCKDOG JUDGE PROGRAM

SECTION 1– MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

8.1.3 Experience: The applicant Apprentice Judge shall demonstrate a reasonable amount of livestock experience in addition the applicant must have owned and handled two Australian Shepherds to their WTCH's in entirety. (Applicant must have owned and handled each Australian Shepherd from started through advanced in ducks/geese, sheep/goats, and cattle).

Change to:

8.1.3 Experience: The applicant Apprentice Judge shall demonstrate a reasonable amount of livestock experience in addition the applicant must have owned and handled three Australian Shepherds to their WTCH's in entirety. (Applicant must have owned and handled each Australian Shepherd from started through advanced in ducks/geese, sheep/goats, and cattle).

8.1.5 References: Three references are required from people who have personal knowledge of the applicant's qualifications as pertaining to livestock experience, experience working dogs with livestock and the applicant's personal character. References must come from individuals in the livestock industry. (Examples: Individual that raises livestock, a veterinarian, an ASCA Stockdog Judge.) No more than one ASCA Stockdog Judge may be used as a reference. If an ASCA Stockdog Judge is used as a reference, the Apprentice may not apprentice under that Judge.

Change to:

8.1.5 References: Three letters of recommendation are required from people who have personal knowledge of the applicant's qualifications as pertaining to livestock experience, experience working dogs with livestock and the applicant's personal character. References must come from individuals in the livestock industry. (Examples: Individual that raises livestock, a veterinarian, an ASCA Stockdog Judge.) No more than one ASCA Stockdog Judge may be used as a reference. If an ASCA Stockdog Judge is used as a reference, the Apprentice may not apprentice under that Judge.

Add:

8.1.7 The applicant must have earned advanced titles on at least two different types of stock in the Farm Trial division.

8.1.8 The applicant must have been eligible for Finals on all three types of stock at least once within 5 years of applying. To be eligible, the applicant must have earned at least 4 Finals points on each type of stock. The eligibility requirement may be completed over the entire 5 years or within 1 year.

Rationale: The changes are made in an attempt to ensure the applicants coming into the program are of quality and experience. With the expansion of the program, it is felt that requirements should be included in other venues of the Stockdog program. By increasing the requirements, we hope to have more qualified and experienced individuals entering the judging program.

If approved by the Board, it will be incorporated into the January 2014 rulebook.

94:01 Stockdog - Addition of Advanced Trial Dog - Multiple Courses and ATD - X Titles

Voting Results:

Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Ford, Gann, Hardin

Abstain: Gray

Motion Passes 5-3

94:01 Stockdog - Addition of Advanced Trial Dog - Multiple Courses and ATD - X Titles

Motion by Clayton

I move to approve the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee:

Approve: 11

Disapprove: 1

Nonvoting or abstain: 0

I make a motion that rule 6.4 be amended, adding item d. and e., reassigning items f. through k. as follows:

SECTION 4 - TITLES

Titles that may be awarded are:

- a. Started Trial Dog - STD (class of stock)
- b. Open Trial Dog - OTD (class of stock)
- c. Advanced Trial Dog - ATD (class of stock)
- d. Advanced Trial Dog Multiple courses - ATD-M (class of stock)

Awarded to Advanced Trial Dogs who have completed these additional requirements:

Two qualifying scores on Course A

Two qualifying scores on Course B

Three of the following four options (for a total of 6 additional qualifying scores):

Two qualifying scores on Course C

Two qualifying scores on Course D

Two qualifying scores on Course E

Two qualifying scores on Course F

Scores on each course must be received from 2 different judges.

- e. Advanced Trial Dog Excellent - ATD-X (class of stock)

Awarded to Advanced Trial Dogs who have completed these additional requirements:

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course A

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course B

Three of the following four options (for a total of 6 additional scores of 100 or higher):

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course C

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course D

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course E

Two scores of 100 or higher on Course F

Scores on each course must be received from 2 different judges.

f. Post Advanced Trial Dog - PATD (class of stock)

g. Open Farm Trial Dog - OFTD (class of stock)

h. Advanced Farm Trial Dog - AFTD (class of stock)

i. Ranch Dog - RD

j. Ranch Trial Dog - RTD (class of stock)

k. Working Trial Champion - WTCH (awarded to dogs who receive ATD titles in all three classes of stock).

Rationale: The addition of these titles will encourage more trial entries and increased revenue, encourage improved training and handling and increase the use of courses C, D, E, F. The Advance Trial Dog Excellent Title will reward the dog who has successfully trialed in all areas of the ASCA Stockdog program.

To be placed in the January 2014 Rulebook. Qualifying scores towards these titles will be recorded by the ASCA Business Office; however titles will be retroactively awarded once the systems changes have been completed.

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of the use of a Take Pen with Courses D, E, and F

Voting Results:

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

94:01 Stockdog - Clarification of the use of a Take Pen with Courses D, E, and F

Motion by Clayton:

I move to accept the following motion from the Stock Dog Committee.

Approve: Unanimous

Against: None

Abstain: None

I make a motion to have the following wording included in the Stockdog Rulebook regarding the use of a take pen or set out of livestock for Course D, E, and F.

The current rule reads:

3.12.4 Course D Arena

a. Set-up: The arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in

Appendix 3 and described in this section.

3.12.4 Course E Arena

a. Set-up: The arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in Appendix 3 and described in this section.

3.12.4 Course F Arena

a. Set-up: The arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in Appendix 3 and described in this section.

Change to:

3.12.4 Course D Arena

a. Set-up: The arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in Appendix 3 and described in this section. This course may be run with a take pen or gather, depending on the facility.

3.12.4 Course E Arena

a. Set-up: The arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in Appendix 3 and described in this section. This course may be run with a take pen or gather, depending on the facility.

3.12.4 Course F Arena

a. Set-up: The arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in Appendix 3 and described in this section. This course may be run with a take pen or gather, depending on the facility.

Rationale: This will create consistency between the rules and the guidelines in the Stockdog Rulebook. Currently, the guidelines indicate either a set out or take pen may be used, but the rules only specify take pen. This will eliminate confusion and allow clubs with inadequate take pens to use these courses. The original intent was to use either, but somehow this was not included in the writing of the rules.

If approved the motion will be placed in the January 2014 rulebook.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, ASCA Board of Directors

